

Answer to: China will be aggressive.

1. Even if China is aggressive in some foreign policy aspects, there's no reason why China would be overly-aggressive and initiate a substantial military or economic conflict with the United States.

2. China faces too many hurdles to be an aggressive country, at least not for over thirty years. Zheng Bijian, "China's "Peaceful Rise" to Great-Power Status" Foreign Affairs, September/October 2005 Lexis

According to China's strategic plans, it will take another 45 years -- until 2050 -- before it can be called a modernized, medium-level developed country. China will face three big challenges before it gets there. As described above, China's shortage of resources poses the first problem. The second is environmental: pollution, waste, and a low rate of recycling together present a major obstacle to sustainable development. The third is a lack of coordination between economic and social development.

3. China's peaceful rise will be guaranteed by its opening of its economy. Zheng Bijian, "China's "Peaceful Rise" to Great-Power Status" Foreign Affairs, September/October 2005 Lexis

China's peaceful rise will further open its economy so that its population can serve as a growing market for the rest of the world, thus providing increased opportunities for -- rather than posing a threat to -- the international community. A few figures illustrate China's current contribution to global trade: in 2004, China's imports from members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations increased by 33.1 percent, from Japan by 27.3 percent, from India by 80 percent, from the European Union by 28 percent, and from the United States by 31.9 percent.